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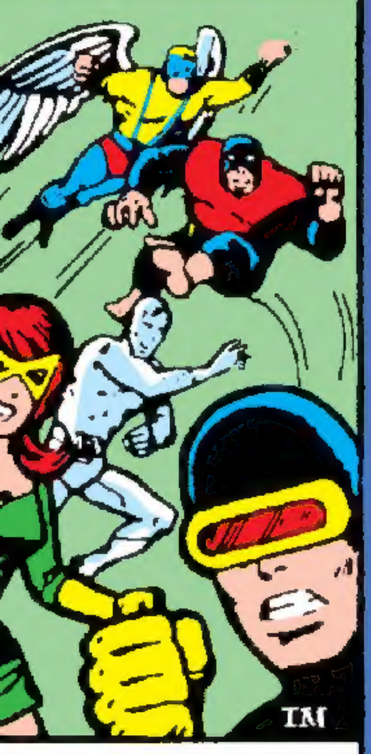

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NOW STRIKES... KA-ZAR!

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X-MEN

THE MOST UNUSUAL FIGHTING TEAM OF ALL TIME!™

IT ALL STARTED WITH THE PTERANODONS ...SWOOPING, TALONED BEASTS FROM THE DAWN OF TIME... THEIR SHRILL SCREECHES FILLING THE ANGEL'S EARS!

BUT, HADN'T ALL THIS HAPPENED TO HIM ONCE BEFORE... OR DO NIGHTMARES ALWAYS COME TWICE?

IT CAN'T BE HAPPENING AGAIN!

IT CAN'T!!

...IN A STRANGERS SAVAGE LAND!

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BUT, IT WAS HAPPENING, TO WARREN WORTHINGTON III... AND THERE WAS NO TIME TO STOP AND WONDER HOW..!

GOT TO KEEP OUT OF REACH... OF THOSE RAZOR-SHARP CLAWS!

ONE SOLID SWIPE, AND THEY'D LAY ME OPEN LIKE A USED PAPER-BACK!

AND THEN, HE SAW IT COMING... BUT HE COULDN'T QUITE DODGE..!

UNNHHH!

IT WAS ONLY A GLANCING BLOW... BUT IT WAS ENOUGH TO SEND THE WINGED MUTANT PLUNGING DOWN, DOWNWARD... AS HIS SENSES FOUGHT AGAINST THE NUMBING BLACKNESS..!

NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS... I CAN'T ALLOW MYSELF TO PASS OUT!

TOO MUCH IS RIDING ON ME...TOO MANY LIVES...!

YES...TOO MANY LIVES! WARREN REMEMBERED *WAKING* FROM A HIDEOUS DREAM ...BEING FREED BY SCOTT'S BRO-THER *ALEX*...!

DID... *SAURON* DO THIS TO ME?*

THAT...AND *MORE*, ANGEL!

THE *X-MEN* HAVE GONE TO SEE *DR. LYKOS* ABOUT YOU, AND...

NO! DR. LYKOS *IS* THE THING CALLED SAURON!

I'VE GOT TO *STOP* THEM... OR *HELP* THEM, SOMEHOW!

*SAURON... THE *HUMAN* PTERANODON OF OUR LAST TWO ISSUES! ...STAN.

YOU AND LORNA STAY *HERE*...THIS IS *X-MEN* BUSINESS!!

MURDERER! ASSASSIN!

BUT THEN, WHEN THE STARTLED MAN HAD REALIZED THAT NOT *ALL* WINGED CREATURES WERE *SAURON*...

MY DAUGHTER WAS IN *LOVE* WITH KARL LYKOS!

SHE'S *FOLLOWED* HIM... *WHEREVER* HE HAS GONE!

WHEN LYKOS' OFFICE HAD BEEN EMPTY, AN ADDRESS BOOK HAD YIELDED *ANOTHER* LEAD... BUT WARREN HAD ARRIVED *TOO LATE..!*

LOOKS LIKE *SAURON'S* BEEN HERE AND *GONE!*

WHERE IS MY DAUGHTER??

BUT *WHERE?* IF ONLY I KNEW... *WHERE...!?*

YOU!!

A FURTHER, CLOSER SEARCH OF LYKOS' OFFICE HAD REVEALED A *JOURNAL*... TELLING OF HIS STRANGE *CHILD-HOOD*...

...AND MENTIONING A CERTAIN *MOUNTAIN*... IN THE FAR-OFF LAND CALLED *TIERRA DEL FUEGO*...!

YES... I'M *TANYA*... THE GIRL WHO *LOVED* KARL LYKOS!

HE'S... *DEAD* NOW, BUT THE X-MEN SEARCH FOR HIS *BODY*... UP *THERE!*

THANKS, MISS... AND... I'M *SORRY*...!

...THAT YAWNING *CHASM* MUST BE WHERE SCOTT AND THE REST WENT!

AND, TO COP A *CLICHE*...

THAT'S WHERE THE *ANGEL* MUST DARE TO TREAD!

BUT, THE *FLIGHT*... THE *WEARINESS* ...HAD TAKEN THEIR *TOLL* ON A YOUTH STILL RECOVERING FROM LYKOS' SINISTER *HYPNOSIS*...

AND, WHEN THE *TALONED FURIES* HAD CLOSED IN, OUT OF NOWHERE..HE HAD BEEN *NO MATCH* FOR THEM...

...NO MATCH AT *ALL*...!

AND NOW, *DOWN* HE HURTLES... HIS EYES SEEING *NOTHING*... HIS BRAIN BEYOND EVEN A FLEETING SENSE OF *FEAR*...

...UNTIL *SUDDENLY*, HE IS AWAKENED BY A BURST OF *WARM AIR* AGAINST HIS FALLING BODY... HIS WINGS FLAP INSTINCTIVELY, *DESPERATELY*...

BUT ALAS... TOO LATE...!

LOOK, CREATOR, AT WHAT YOUR LOYAL *SERVANT* HAS FOUND!

A *HUMAN* FROM THE WORLD ABOVE...

BUT, A HUMAN WITH *WINGS!*

YES, AMPHIBIUS...HE MUST HAVE ENTERED THRU THE ENDLESS ABYSS, JUST AS I ONCE DID!

BUT, UNLIKE ME, THIS ONE WILL NEVER RETURN FROM WHENCE HE CAME!

FOR...HE IS DEAD!

DEAD??

THEN, HE IS *USELESS* TO YOU, CREATOR ...AND TO OUR *CAUSE!*

YOU RECKON WITHOUT YOUR MASTER'S UN-PARALLELED *GENIUS*, AMPHIBIUS!

BRING HIM... FOR EVEN *DEATH* MAY SERVE ONE WHO KNOWS ITS INNERMOST *SECRETS...!*

WHILE, IN *ANOTHER* NIGHT-MARE, MILES *DISTANT*...

SNAPP!

HANK... JEAN... LOOK OUT!

IT'S SOME KIND OF MONSTROUS *REPTILE*... A *TYRRANO-SAURUS!!*

SAVE THE *CLASSIFYIN'* FOR OL' *BEASTIE*, GIRL!

JUST HIGHTAIL IT OFF MY *ICE-SLIDE*, BEFORE THAT BABY GOES...

ZZZRAT!

YOU WERE *SAYING*, BOBBY?

NOW *STAND BACK*, 'CAUSE THE *NEXT* MOVE BELONGS TO...

..CYCLOPS!

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RRAWRRR

IT'LL TAKE MORE THAN A SET OF *BRACES* TO FIX UP *THAT* LIZARD'S BRIDGEWORK!

FROM NOW ON, HE WON'T DARE LOOK CROSS-EYED AT A *THREE-TOED SLOTH!*

NOW, I'LL JUST...

HEY!

YOU HAVE DONE *ENOUGH,* X-MEN!

=MMMFF!=

CYKE... *LOOK!*

WE *SHOULD'VE KNOWN!*

THIS IS *MY* LAND... NOT *YOURS!*

THUD!

YOUR THOUGHTS ARE *SMALL,* X-MEN---LIKE YOUR *FORE-ARMS!*

MY JUNGLE KINGDOM IS *HUGE*... FAR GREATER THAN YOU CAN *IMAGINE!*

IT'S... *KA-ZAR!**

THEN, WE *ARE* IN HIS SAVAGE DOMAIN, JUST AS WE *SUSPECTED!*

BUT, WE'RE FAR *NORTH* OF ANTARCTICA..!

*THE X-MEN *FIRST* ENCOUNTERED KA-ZAR IN ISSUE #10! ---STAN.

BUT, I HAVE NOT COME TO *TALK!*

I CAME ONLY TO SAY... YOU MUST *BE SILENT!*

HUH? WHAT'S *WRONG?* ... ARE WE KEEPING YOUR *DINOSAURS* AWAKE?

I SHALL SAY *NO MORE!*

WE'LL CONSIDER THAT A *PROMISE,* LONGHAIR!

BY THE WAY, DON'T YOU KNOW IT'S *IMPOLITE* TO POINT?

AND IT IS *DANGEROUS* TO MOCK... *KA-ZAR!*

WROP!

YEEEOWW!

THAT'S *IT,* YOU ARROGANT ABORIGINE...

...THE *STRAW* THAT BROKE THE CAMEL'S *SPINAL COLUMN!*

IF YOU'VE *HURT* MY SNOW-BOUND SIDEKICK, YOU'LL RECKON WITH... THE *BEAST!*

IN HIS TIME, KA-ZAR HAS DONE BATTLE WITH *MANY* BEASTS!

ONE *MORE* WILL MATTER BUT *LITTLE!*

BRAK!

AND THAT IS MOST DEFINITELY IT, YOU GRAPEFRUIT-LEAGUE TARZAN!

FOR THAT, I'M GOING TO...

ENOUGH, ZABU...

RRARRR

...I AM GOING TO LIE VERY STILL, AND PLAY DEAD..!

THEY HAVE LEARNED THAT KA-ZAR'S WORD IS SUPREME IN THE JUNGLE!

NOW COME... WHAT WE MUST DO, WE DO ALONE...

...FOR, KA-ZAR'S FIGHT IS NOT THEIRS!

HOLD IT, KA-ZAR!

WE MERELY WISH TO...!

SAVE IT, HANK!

HE'S NOT HAVING ANY!

THERE'S OUR JUNGLE-BRED NOBLE-MAN...UP A TREE!

BUT, HE SEEMS TO BE WATCHING SOMETHING BELOW!

MAYBE HE WANTED US TO BE QUIET... FOR A REASON!

THE ONES I SEEK PASS BY BELOW ME!

THEY ARE SWAMP SAVAGES... EXCEPT FOR THEIR LEADER...

AND THEY HAVE CAPTURED YET ANOTHER OF THE WATER PEOPLE!

WHATEVER THEIR PURPOSE, KA-ZAR CAN SENSE THAT IT IS EVIL...

AND, EVIL MAY *NOT* EXIST IN THE JUNGLE!

SUCH IS THE LAW OF KA-ZAR!

KA-ZOOOFF!

THE *GOLDEN-HAIRED ONE* ATTACKS!

AND WITH HIM...THE BEAST CALLED *ZABU!*

SPINELESS SON OF THE *JACKAL!*

TELL ME WHAT YOU *DO* WITH THE MEN YOU CAPTURE...

OR FACE KA-ZAR'S *WRATH!*

YOU ARE *ARROGANT,* GOLDEN-HAIR!

MY HEAD... BEGINS TO *SPIN!*

I...CANNOT ...*STAND..!*

BUT, YOU SHALL *NOT* BE SO FOR *LONG!*

LOOK INTO MY *EYES...* AND *TREMBLE* WITH FEAR!

HAH! MY POWER HAS *PREVAILED..*

...AS THE *CREATOR* SAID IT WOULD!

KA-ZAR *KNOWS* NO FEAR, EVIL ONE!

I SHALL ...LOOK..!

IF ONLY I COULD...

UNNHH!

HE IS OURS! KA-ZAR IS TAKEN!

NOW, SLAY HIM, MY BROTHERS... SLAY HIM!!

UH-OH, FEARLESS LEADER!

IT APPEARS THAT KA-ZAR'S CAPTORS NEVER HEARD OF THE GENEVA CONVENTION!

IT'S NOT OUR FIGHT, HANK... KA-ZAR SAID THAT!

THEN, WE'RE MAKING IT OURS... I SAID THAT!

IN OTHER WORDS...

ATTACK!

BUT NOW, EVEN AS THE CASCADING ROAR OF *BATTLE* RISES ON THE TIME-DEFYING LANDSCAPE...

...WE MUST TURN OUR ENRAPT ATTENTION *ELSE-WHERE* IN THE *SAVAGE LAND*..!

THE *CRYOGENIC UNIT* HAS DONE ITS WORK *WELL!*

IT HAS *KEPT ALIVE* THE FLICKERING SPARK OF LIFE I DETECTED IN THAT ONE...

...A SPARK WHICH NONE BUT *I* COULD HAVE *SENSED!*

BUT NOW, IT IS TIME FOR THE SUPREME...THE *ULTIMATE* TEST!

CAN HIS MICROSCOPIC *CELLS*...ARRESTED AT THE VERY *THRESH-OLD* OF DEATH IT-SELF...BE RESTORED TO SENTIENT *LIFE?*

OR IS IT ALREADY ...*TOO LATE??*

IT CANNOT BE TOO LATE, CREATOR... NOT FOR YOU!

YOU ARE MASTER OF DEATH... AS OF LIFE!

YOU'LL REPLACE HIS LIFE, AS EASILY AS YOU DID HIS TATTERED CLOTHING!

IF ONLY YOU COULD SOLVE YOUR OWN AFFLICTION...THE ARMS WHICH NEED MECHANICAL SUPPORT...

...AS EASILY AS YOU TURNED US SWAMP SAVAGES INTO SUPER-POWERED MUTANTS!

SILENCE, MY SERVITORS... AND OBSERVE..!

HE LIVES AGAIN!!

WELCOME, OUTWORLDER... WELCOME TO OUR RANKS!

HUH? WHO...IN BLAZES..?

THE YOUTH'S EYELIDS TREMBLE...

...THEN OPEN!

HE IS THE ALL-CONSUMING CREATOR!

HAIL TO HIM WHO RULES THE SAVAGE LAND!

YOU SEEM CONFUSED, MUTANT... AND WITH CAUSE!

CREATOR! IT IS EQUILIBRIUS...HE WHOSE EYES CAUSE THE WORLD TO SPIN!

MASTER! MASTER...!!

BUT HE COMES TATTERED... STAGGERING... LIKE ONE WHO HAS KNOWN DEFEAT!

YOU SEE, I AM FROM THE OUTER WORLD LIKE YOU...

...ONE WHO CAME HERE TO CREATE A NEW BREED OF MAN... A MORE NOBLE BREED...!

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YES, I ADMIT IT... MY FORCES WERE ROUTED...

...AND I FLED BEFORE THEM!

WE HAD CAPTURED KA-ZAR WHEN FOUR OTHERS ATTACKED, WITH POWERS THAT SCATTERED MY SWAMP-MEN!

THE OTHER X-MEN!!

YOU SAY THAT...LIKE THE X-MEN WERE YOUR ENEMIES!

BUT THEY'RE NOT... NOT UNLESS YOUR SET-UP HERE IS ON THE SHADY SIDE!

YOU DON'T UNDER-STAND!

I AM ENGAGED IN VITAL WORK HERE!

YOU SAVED MY LIFE, MISTER... AND I KNOW IT!

IF YOU CAN PROVE YOU'RE ON THE LEVEL...

I'LL HELP YOU... EVEN AGAINST THE X-MEN!!

BUT, IF YOUR FELLOW X-MEN LISTEN TO THAT MURDERING KA-ZAR...!

WHOA! SLOW DOWN A MINUTE!

...KA-ZAR THANKS YOU FOR SAVING HIS LIFE... BUT NOW YOU MUST GO!

SORRY, FRIEND, BUT WE'RE INVOLVED IN THIS THING NOW!

WHAT'S THE SCORE...AND WHY DID YOU LET THAT LAST SWAMP-MAN ESCAPE?

THERE IS NO TIME FOR TALK!

HEED KA-ZAR'S WORDS, AND FLEE THE SAVAGE LAND... WHILE YOU STILL CAN!

COME, ZABU!

HE'S OFF LIKE A SHOT ...HARD ON THE HEELS OF THAT BEARDED BARBARIAN!

SHEESH! WE COME HERE TO RECOVER A BODY...

...AND WIND UP IN THE MIDDLE OF A CIVIL WAR!

NOT A MERE CIVIL WAR, MUTANTS!

I SENSE THERE IS MORE AT STAKE HERE... THAN ANY OF US CAN DREAM!

LISTEN, X-MEN, TO THOSE FLUTED STRAINS FROM NEARBY..!

"I HAVE NEVER SEEN THEIR MAKER ...BUT WHISPERED TALES CALL HIM THE PIPER!"

"WHEN HE MAKES MUSIC, DEATH AND DESTRUCTION ARE HIS DREAD REFRAIN!"

VERRRRY INTERESTING, JUNGLE MAN!

BUT WHAT'S THAT GOT TO DO WITH US??

GRRRWRRRRRRR

OHHHH..!

THAT *ICING* COOLED HIM DOWN!

BUT, HE'S *DIVING*....!

AND THESE *HOT SPRINGS* WILL MELT ICE JUST LIKE *THAT!*

OPEN *MOUTH*... INSERT *FOOT!*

KA-ZAR MEANT THAT THE PIPING *CALLED* THIS BABY ...LIKE A MUSICAL *CUE!*

DO YOU ALWAYS HAVETA BE SO *RIGHT*, CYKE?

LOOK... THAT THING'S GOT US *SURROUNDED!*

X-MEN... *DEFEND* YOURSELVES!

WE'LL *HAVE* TO... BECAUSE *BROTHER KA-ZAR* DEFINITELY *WON'T!*

OUR PALEOLITHIC HOST IS TAKING THE PROVERBIAL *POWDER!*

SZZRAK!

FFRRZZZZZ

KA-ZAR WASN'T MY IDEA OF *BEAUTIFUL PEOPLE*... BUT I NEVER THOUGHT HE'D TURN *CHICKEN!*

DON'T *TALK*, BOBBY... JUST *KEEP BLASTING!*

THIS MONSTER WON'T SAY *DIE*... NOT WHILE THAT MADDENING *MUSIC* PLAYS ON...!

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THE MUSIC... IT STOPPED!

AND WITH ITS SURCEASE, OUR RAGING REPTILIAN DID LIKEWISE!

HMMM... IF MY REASONING IS CORRECT, WE MAY HAVE MISJUDGED COUSIN KA-ZAR...!

...THEN, YOU'VE BEEN SEARCHING OUT MUTANTS AMONG THE TRIBES HERE...

...LIKE A STONE-AGE PROFESSOR X?

I'M NOT FAMILIAR WITH THE MAN YOU MENTION...

BUT, THERE ARE UNTAPPED SOURCES OF RADIATION IN THIS LAND...

...WHICH MAKE MUTANTS, AND THEREFORE OUT-CASTS, OF MANY PRIMITIVES!

I HAVE RESCUED THESE MUTANTS FROM HOSTILE TRIBESMEN...AND TAUGHT THEM HOW TO HARNESS THEIR LATENT POWER!

NOW, THEY WOULD FIGHT FOR ME, TO PROTECT MY WORK FROM AN ENVIOUS KA-ZAR!

"THERE IS GAZA... THE BLIND GIANT I TAUGHT TO SEE MENTALLY..."

"AMPHIBIUS, THE MAN-FROG, AND FOUR-ARMED BARBARUS... BOTH TORMENTED BECAUSE THEY WERE DIFFERENT..."

"LUPO... WHO IS AT ONE WITH CERTAIN BEASTS..."

"BRAINCHILD... WITH A COMPUTER-LIKE MIND, AND THE EMOTIONS OF AN INFANT..."

"...AND OUR ABSENT ASSOCIATE... AN AMUSING FELLOW KNOWN ONLY AS PIPER!"

HOLD IT! THERE'S NO NEED FOR THEM TO BATTLE MY BUDDIES... OR KA-ZAR!

I'LL CALL THEM OFF... I OWE YOU THAT MUCH!

IF ONLY YOU COULD, MY FRIEND...

IT WOULD MEAN PEACE IN OUR TROUBLED LAND!

THEN... PEACE IT WILL BE!

BEAUTIFUL... BEAUTIFUL!

THE ANGEL WILL DELAY THE OTHERS... THUS GIVING ME THE PRECIOUS MOMENTS I NEED!

THE MOMENTS THAT WILL MAKE ME MASTER OF AN ENTIRE PLANET!

THEN, HE DOES NOT SUSPECT, CREATOR?

RRRRR

NO, AMPHIBIUS!

BUT THEN, WHY SHOULD HE?

THE ANGEL HAS NEVER SEEN ME BEFORE, EXCEPT IN MY OWN ALL-CONQUERING COLORS!

PERHAPS IT IS TRUE WHAT THEY SAY...

...PERHAPS CLOTHES DO MAKE THE MAN!

NEXT: MAGNETO... AND ONE OTHER!